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SUBJ: KEY ISSUES AT 28TH UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
NORWEGIAN VIEWS.

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1. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED KEY ISSUES AT FORTHCOMING GENERAL ASSEMBLY (REF A) AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 21 WITH TOM VRAALSEN, CHIEF OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S FIRST POLITICAL DIVISION (UN AFFAIRS). IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A BROADER MEETING TO INCLUDE LEGAL AND AID OFFICIALS AND STILL CATCH VRAALSEN BEFORE THE AUGUST 22 NORDIC MEETING IN COPENHAGEN, BUT VRAALSEN UNDERTOOK TO PASS ON TO HIS COLLEAGUES US
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VIEWS ON AGENDA ITEMS FALLING WITHIN THEIR AREAS OF RESPON-

SIBILITY. EXCEPT FOR KOREA, WHICH IS REPORTED SEPARATELY, VRAALSEN'S ONLY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS WERE RELATED TO ITEMS ON TERRORISM, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND AFRICA.

2. TERRORISM. VRAALSEN SAID NORWAY AGREES WITH THE US THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT DELAY PROGRESS ON MEASURES TO COMBAT TERRORISM UNTIL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON CAUSES. HE ASSUMED THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE NORWEGIAN WILLINGNESS, EXPRESSED TO AMB. SCHAUFELLE LAST MONTH BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, TO SUPPORT HIGH PRIORITY FOR THE CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS.

3. MIDDLE EAST. VRAALSEN AGREES THAT EGYPT IS LIKELY TO CALL FOR FULL DEBATE. WHILE HE HAS NO INDICATION OF EGYPTIAN THINKING (AND DOUBTS THAT THE EGYPTIANS THEMSELVES KNOW WHAT THEY WANT), HE SUSPECTS THEY WILL TRY TO GET THE UNGA TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SIMILAR TO THAT VETOED BY THE US IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

4. AFRICAN ISSUES. VRAALSEN SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH NORWAY WILL SUPPORT OBSERVER STATUS FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, ON AN AD HOC BASIS AND FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES, IT WILL NOT GO ALONG WITH AN ATTEMPT TO GIVE THE MOVEMENTS ACROSS-THE-BOARD, KOREAN-TYPE OBSERVER STATUS. THE NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL DISCUSS HOW TO DEAL WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UN/OAU OSLO CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK. NORWAY'S AIM, VRAALSEN SAID, IS TO GET A RESOLUTION ON THE CONFERENCE THAT WILL HAVE THE BROADEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT -- AND PARTICULARLY ONE THAT NORWAY ITSELF CAN VOTE FOR. THE NORWEGIANS THEREFORE INTEND TO WORK ACTIVELY WITH THE AFRICANS, WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE AFRICANS TO SEEK THEM OUT, IN HOPES OF PERSUADING THEM TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD SIMPLY ASK THE UNGA TO TAKE NOTE OF THE OSLO CONFERENCE REPORT. HE THOUGHT SUCH A RESOLUTION MIGHT ALSO PROPERLY CALL FOR SUPPORT FOR THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS; WHEN WE BROUGHT UP THE PROBLEM OF THE "ALL MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT" FORMULATION HE QUICKLY AGREED THAT, TO BE ACCEPTABLE, A RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE TO EXCLUDE CONFIDENTIAL

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CALLS FOR MILITARY SUPPORT.

5. ECOSOC EXPANSION. VRAALSEN INQUIRED ABOUT THE STATUS OF US ACTION ON CHARTER AMENDMENT AND EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THE NEWS THAT THE SENATE MIGHT ACT IN SEPTEMBER.
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